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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council

SUBJECT: Intelligence Needs Through the Year 2000:
Guidance for Long-Range Planning []

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1. Action Requested: Your approval of the recommendation in paragraph 4, which will establish a baseline set of future intelligence information needs to provide a comprehensive and consistent focus for Community long-range planning activities. []

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2. Background:

- a. One year ago the Intelligence Producers Council, through its Future Information Requirements Working Group (FIRWG), began to support a major COMIREX-sponsored study to identify intelligence information needs to the year 2000. Through various stages, the FIRWG has identified information needs of the intelligence producers, examined and validated requirements statements, and assessed the value of various intelligence collection disciplines to support those needs. During the review process, the NIC and a number of other forums have had the opportunity to contribute to the study. The study, designed and assembled by System Planning Corporation for COMIREX, but considering all collection disciplines, sets forth: key intelligence questions; time, geographic, and scenario considerations; and the anticipated contribution of each category of intelligence collection. Initially, a baseline for collection planning for 1984 was developed from a variety of organizational statements. From it projections were prepared for three timeframes: 1990, 1995, and 2000. The 1990 projection is provided at attachment for your information. []

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- b.- COMIREX has begun to apply this material to the development of simulation problem sets to compare imagery technical capabilities in the 1990s, and the SIGINT Committee is using the same material in the Future SIGINT Capabilities Study to guide SIGINT requirements through the 1990s. The Chairman, HUMINT Committee, has also received a copy of the COMIREX-sponsored study. []

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3. Staff Position: The work accomplished by the Intelligence Producers Council (IPC) to date to support collection planning represents a careful and thoughtful examination of the global environment of the 1990s and the intelligence producers' needs. The impact of world conditions (peace, crisis, conventional war, nuclear war) is taken into account, and sufficient detail is provided to allow for a variety of planning activities and concept testing. It has been validated by Community elements through the FIRWG. In effect, the attachment represents a logical extension of the NITs. The study represents a singular effort, in the scope and detail presented, for accomplishing all long-range collection planning from the same basic set of intelligence requirements. []

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4. Recommendations: In order to establish a consistent approach for long-range planning, the IPC recommends the following:

- a. that the concept of the attachment be approved as the baseline guidance for Community long-range collection planning;
- b. that the IPC be directed to maintain and update at regular intervals these statements of future intelligence needs into the 21st century. []

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Attachment:

National Information Needs for
Intelligence Collection Planning,
with definitions

APPROVED:

/s/ William J. Casey

Director of Central Intelligence


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